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For: Method And Apparatus For)
Forming A Binder Cover And)
A Ring Cover)

PATENT APPLICATION

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

This is in response to the Requirement for Restriction between Group I claims 1-20 drawn to a creasing machine apparatus; Group II claims 21-28 drawn to a method of forming a ring binder; and Group III claims 29-31 drawn to a hole forming machine apparatus.

We respectfully traverse the requirement since we believe that all the claims are in one way or another directed to a ring binder.

We recognize that for our response to be complete we must make an election. Accordingly, we elect Group I containing claims 1-20.

Respectfully submitted,

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